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Letter dated 26 June 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, His Excellency, Mr. Dobrica Ćosić.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Statement made on 26 June 1992 by the President of Yugoslavia

On behalf of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia I welcome and support today's decisions of the leadership of the Serbian people in Bosnia-Hercegovina concerning unilateral removal of the remaining artillery weapons from their present locations, an immediate cessation of all artillery fire on the city of Sarajevo, withdrawal of air defence weapons from the area surrounding Sarajevo airport in order to open it, according to the Security Council resolution, and place it under the control of the United Nations Protection Force in Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR), as well as the decision on guarantees for safe passage of humanitarian relief convoys through the territories controlled by the army of the Serbian people in Bosnia-Hercegovina.

Considering these concrete decisions and actions as unambiguous contributions to the establishment and stabilization of peace in the area of Sarajevo, and as part of an urgent and immediate need to put an end to the armed conflict in Bosnia-Hercegovina as a whole, I call, on behalf of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, upon the other two parties in the civil war to respond immediately by their own peaceful actions, and upon the international community, particularly the political factors most involved, to make maximum efforts so that the Muslim and Croatian sides halt their military actions, and turn to dialogue towards political settlement of the crisis in Bosnia-Hercegovina in all its aspects.

In this context, I appeal, on behalf of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to the Chairman of the Conference on Yugoslavia, Lord Carrington, to ensure, as early as possible, the resumption of the Conference on Bosnia-Hercegovina on the basis of the previous results of the Conference, and this time not to discontinue its work until consensus is reached among the three ethnic communities on all issues related to future constitutional arrangements for Bosnia-Hercegovina.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has no territorial claims against Bosnia-Hercegovina and respects its territorial integrity and borders. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia does not contest the independence of Bosnia-Hercegovina and is prepared to prove that by establishing diplomatic relations with that Republic after successful completion of the Conference on Bosnia-Hercegovina under the chairmanship of Ambassador Cutilheiro, that is, after mutual agreement is reached by all three ethnic communities of Bosnia-Hercegovina.

I wish to offer again firm assurances to the international community and all the parties involved in the armed conflict that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will fulfil all requirements of Security Council resolutions 752 (1992) and 757 (1992) and continue to support strongly all peaceful and constructive views and attitudes aimed at overcoming the fratricidal war and the crisis in Bosnia-Hercegovina through peaceful, rational and equitable means as soon as possible.